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Applicants:	Kennedy et al.
Serial No.:	09/918,396 - Case No.: 20162PDA
Filed:	July 30, 2001
For:	PROTEIN TYROSINE PHOSPHATASE-1B (PTP-1B) DEFICIENT MICE AND ASSAYS FOR PTP-1B MODULATORS

Art Unit: 1632

Examiner:
T. N. Ton

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.143

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated October 3, 2002, in the above-identified application, having a ONE (1) month period for response which expires November 3, 2002. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following provisional election.

REMARKS

The Examiner has advanced a Restriction Requirement.

With respect to the restriction requirement, the Examiner requires Applicants to elect one of two (2) inventions allegedly disclosed in the above application:

Group I, claim 22, drawn to a method of treating obesity comprising administering an inhibitor of the enzymatic activity of PTP-1B; and